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In re: Steven G. Keener
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For: HYBRID FASTENER APPARATUS AND
METHOD FOR FASTENING

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I, Steven G. Keener, citizen of the United States of America, residing at Trabuco Canyon, California; declare:

That I made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent Application: Number 10/796,364, filed in the United States of America on March 9, 2004, titled HYBRID FASTENER APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR FASTENING.

That I made and conceived this invention while employed by The Boeing Company. That the invention is related to the work I am employed to perform and was made within the scope of my employment duties; that the invention was made during working hours and with the use of the facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of The Boeing Company.

That the invention was conceived and made by me in the course of performance of the Company Cost Charge Number FQ809ZZ3, which cost charge number relates entirely to Independent Research and Development.

That to the best of my knowledge and belief the invention was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under, nor is there any relationship of the invention to, the

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performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration or any other United States Government agency.

The undersigned inventor declares further that all statements herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Inventor's Signature: Steven G. Keener

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- be "useful in the production or utilization of special nuclear material or atomic energy" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2182 (Department of Energy (DOE)).
- have significant utility in the conduct of aeronautical and space activities" as recited in 42 U.S.C. 2457 (National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)).

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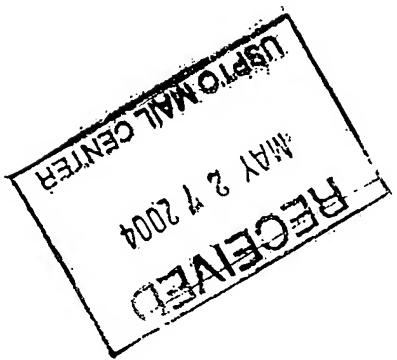
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